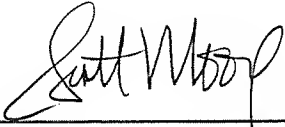


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<p>Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.</p> <p>This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.</p> <p>The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s). Note: No more than five (5) pages may be provided.</p>			
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
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**REASONS IN SUPPORT OF APPLICANTS' PRE-APPEAL  
BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

Sir:

This document is submitted in support of the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed concurrently with a Notice of Appeal in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 41.31 and with the rules set out in the OG of July 12, 2005 for the New Appeal Brief Conference Pilot Program, which have been extended indefinitely

No fee or extension of time is believed due for this request. However, if any fee or extension of time for this request is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Applicants hereby request a Pre-Appeal Brief Review (hereinafter "Request") of the claims finally rejected in the Final Office Action mailed November 27, 2007 (hereinafter "Final Action"). The Request is provided herewith in accordance with the rules set out in the OG dated July 12, 2005.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of the currently pending claims are clearly erroneous because many of the recitations of the pending claims are not met by the cited references for at least the reasons discussed herein and in Applicants' previously filed Amendment dated September 18, 2007. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request review of the present application by an appeal conference prior to the filing of an appeal brief. In the

interest of brevity and without waiving the right to argue additional grounds should this Petition be denied, Applicants will only discuss the recitations of independent Claims 1, 19, 37, and 55.

**Independent Claims 1, 19, 37, and 55 are Patentable**

Independent Claims 1, 19, 37, and 55 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,901,446 to Chellis et al. (hereinafter "Chellis"). (Final Action, page 2). Independent Claim 1 is directed to a method of modifying at least one of bandwidth and Quality of Service (QoS) for a user session in a network and recites, in part:

receiving a request at at least one of the NSP and the ASP to change at least one of bandwidth and QoS associated with the user's session; and  
using Application Programming Interface (API) calls at at least one of the NSP and the ASP to communicate with the RAN to modify the at least one of bandwidth and QoS associated with the user's session.

Claims 19, 37, and 55 include similar recitations. According to the independent claims, the Network Service Provider (NSP), Application Service Provider (ASP), or both receive a request to change bandwidth, QoS, or both for a user's session. API calls or messaging interface calls are used to communicate with a Regional Access Network (RAN) to make the requested modification.

As a preliminary point, Applicants note that Chellis relates to automatically allocating resources in response to a request. (Chellis, Abstract; col. 4, lines 28 - 33). Chellis does not appear to disclose receiving a request to change bandwidth or QoS for an existing user session and making the requested modification as recited in the independent claims. Instead, Chellis appears to be directed to allocating resources through a provisioning process, *i.e.*, to establish initial service for a requesting group, such as a consumer group. (Chellis, col. 15, line 35 - col. 16, line 23; FIG. 10).

Next, the independent claims recite the use of API calls (Claims 1, 19, and 37) or messaging interface calls (Claim 55) at an NSP and/or ASP to communicate with a RAN to modify bandwidth and/or QoS for a user session. The Office Action cites the Abstract in

Chellis as disclosing use of API calls as recited in Claims 1, 19, and 37. (Final Action, page 3). Applicants respectfully disagree. Chellis' Abstract states: "...the system includes an Application Programming Interface (API) operable to configure and/or control the one or more components for automatically allocating one or more resources." Thus, Chellis' API is used to configure components for the automatic allocation of resources. These "components" appear to be the resource request manager 40 and the resource allocator 30 shown in FIG. 2 of Chellis, which are not described in Chellis as being part of a RAN. The Abstract is the only reference to an API in Chellis. Therefore, Chellis does not disclose using an API to communicate with a RAN, *i.e.*, a network to modify bandwidth and/or QoS for a user session.

With respect to independent Claim 55, the Final Action cites the Abstract in Chellis as disclosing the use of messaging interface calls. (Final Action, page 8). Applicants submit that, for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to the use of API calls in Claims 1, 19, and 37, Chellis does not disclose using messaging interface calls to communicate with a RAN to modify bandwidth and/or QoS for a user session.

Independent Claims 1, 19, 37, and 55 further recite that communication is made with a RAN to modify the bandwidth or QoS associated with a user session. In sharp contrast, Chellis discloses in FIG. 10 a resource management service 220, provisioning framework 240, data center operations 250, and feedback analysis function 260 that are used for allocating resources. (Chellis, col. 15, lines 35 - 55). Chellis does not appear to disclose, however, that any of these modules/functions are part of an NSP and/or ASP.

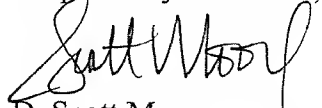
In the "Response to Arguments" section, the Final Action states with respect to Applicants' argument that Chellis does not appear to disclose receiving a request to change bandwidth or QoS for an existing user session and making the requested modification the claims do not recite an existing user session. (Final Action, page 9). Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 1, for example, is directed to "[a] method of modifying at least one of bandwidth and Quality of Service (QoS) for a user session in a network..." Claim 1 further recites "receiving a request...to change at least one of bandwidth and QoS associated with the user's session..." and "using Application Programming Interface (API) calls...to communicate with the RAN to modify the at least one of bandwidth and QoS associated with the user's session." Thus, the claim language clearly implies an existing user session as the

user session must first exist before it can be modified or changed.

In response to Applicants' argument that Chellis does not disclose using an API to communicate with a RAN, *i.e.*, a network to modify bandwidth and/or QoS for a user session, the Final Action cites col. 8, lines 51 – 67, col. 19, lines 1 – 15, and the Abstract of Chellis as teaching an API that configures or controls components for automatically allocating one or more resources. (Final Action, page 9). Applicants have acknowledged that Chellis discloses an API to configure components for the automatic allocation of resources. Applicants submit, however, that the "components," which the API is used to configure appear to be a resource request manager 40 and a resource request allocator 30, which are shown in FIG. 2 of Chellis and described in col. 8, line 28 – col. 9, line 15 and col. 10, lines 1 – 9 of Chellis. Applicants submit that the resource request manager 40 and the resource request allocator 30 are not described as being part of a Regional Access Network (RAN) as recited in the pending independent claims. Accordingly, Applicants maintain that Chellis does not disclose or suggest using an API to communicate with a RAN to modify bandwidth and/or QoS for a user session.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully requests that the present application be reviewed and that the rejection of independent Claims 1, 19, 37, and 55 be reversed by the appeal conference prior to the filing of an appeal brief.

Respectfully submitted,

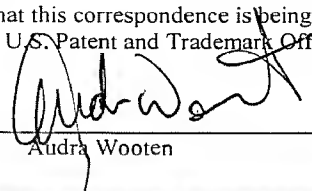
  
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